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Mr. Watts:

The accompanying papers constituting the initial NSC Staff draft paper on Turkey appear to me to present a comprehensive and acceptable survey of the factors requiring consideration in connection with the formulation of immediate policy. Perhaps, however, reference should be made to possible Soviet reactions to measures discussed.

It is my understanding that preliminary arrangements have been taken for the "informal soundings of the British and French Governments" mentioned in clause c of numbered paragraph 4 on page 25.

Attachments:
Memorandum from Mr. Bishop transmitting cy. 31 of draft statement of policy on Turkey

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